captioned "Radioactive material in imported phosphatic fertilisers" appearing in the 'Observer' dated 5 June, 1991;

(b) whether this report is based on a FAO document; and

(c) if so, when this was released and when this was received by the Government through its representative at FAO, Rome indicating action taken/proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :

(a) There is no radioactive cadmium in phosphatic fertilisers as mentioned in the newspaper report. It is well known that all rock phosphates contain traces of uranium. However, they do not pose any health hazards during use.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RESTRUCTURING/REVAMPING OF FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA

278. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding financial restructuring and revamping of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial implications, particularly the write-off of accumulated losses; and

(d) the number of employees likely to be retrenched as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

LIBERAL LICENSING IN PETRO-CHEMICAL SECTOR

279. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have examined the report recently submitted to the Planning Commission according to which liberal licensing is threatening to build up excess capacity in the petro-chemicals sector and likely to lead to wastage of scarce investment in the sector;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the names of petro-chemical projects already sanctioned including Seelampur aromatics their location, capacity, the business houses involved and the progress made therein;

(d) whether the Government are reconsidering their decision about the implementation of the projects which had already been considerably delayed; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) Report on "Perspective Planning of the Petrochemical Industry in India" has just been received from the Planning Commission.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.